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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released to States during the last two years under Special EducationScheme for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes girl students (Primary First Year);

(b) the total number of beneficiaries in the State of Maharashtra for the said period;

(c) whether the Union Government have any proposal to enhance the allocation under this Scheme during 2001-2002; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Rs. 70.00 lakh and Rs. 10.51 lakh was released under the Special educational DevelopmentProgramme for SC girls belonging to very low literacy districts implemented in 48 districts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan by this Ministry during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively. Rs.2.20 crore and Rs.1.80 crore was released under the educational complex for ST girls in low literacy pockets being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in 136 identified districts during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively.

(b) The Central Sector Scheme of Special Educational Development Programme for ScheduledCaste girls belonging to very low literacy levels is not applicable to Maharashtra State. 150 and 480 beneficiaries were covered under the scheme of `Educational Complex for ST girls in low literacy pockets`, during 1999-01 respectively.

(c) & (d) It has been decided to merge schemes of similar nature for assisting the beneficiaries in a better manner. The Department of Elementary Education, Ministry of Human ResourceDevelopment is taking steps for implementation of Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya Scheme for assisting girl students belonging to weaker sections. Rs.1.00 lakh has beenprovided under the scheme implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowermentduring 2001-02 for meeting the continuing liabilities, which will be augmented as per the actual requirement. Rs.7.00 crores have been provided during 2001-02 under the scheme `Educational Complex for ST girls in low literacy pockets` implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.